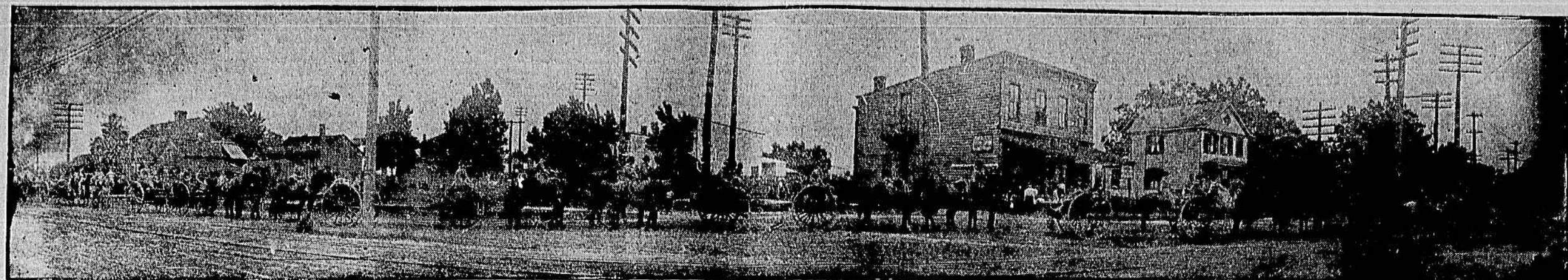


RICHMOND HOWITZERS PASSING THROUGH MANCHESTER ON LONG JOURNEY TO JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION



FROM DISPUTANTA THE HOWITZERS MARCH ON

Reach Waverly by Noon and Stop There to Dine and Rest.

IN STORM SATURDAY NIGHT

Rain Came Down in Torrents, but Men Shook It Off at Daylight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WAVERLY, VA., June 9.—The Howitzers, under Captain Myers, left Disputanta at 7 A. M. and arrived at Waverly at 12:15. All of the battery are well and enjoying the hard work immensely. The team have settled down to hard work and move surely and steadily. Captain Myers has ninety-one men with him. Every man buckled down to the business of getting the battery to Jamestown in time for Virginia Day from the first moment, and after the delay in Manchester and Richmond of six hours, the battery has moved with a regularity that would please a soldier, even a member of the Howitzers' Association. Along the march, the men are singing, telling stories, and walking from time to time in order to rest themselves and the horses.

On leaving Petersburg a fine hound of the yellow variety fell in love with the first section, and is claimed. On the march from Disputanta he wore a medal with his name and pedigree engraved upon it.

The men have named him "Hard Tack." Last night, when we arrived at Disputanta, it was 3:30 and rain had been falling until the whole world in general and Disputanta in particular was wet. For hours the carriages, guns, caissons and even the men had been moving along in a column, the rain shining on the men's ponchos, darkness set in and cut out everything visible by the lanterns carried by each team. Steadily the battery moved into the little town and moved into a grove opposite the station. The first light stopped, the second passed, and when it was on a line with it, it too, stopped; this, the third and fourth, the others each in turn. A bugle sounded in the darkness near one of the lights and in a few moments the men were unlighted, but before this the kitchen fires were blazing and the smell of bacon and coffee was appetizing indeed.

Did you ever unhitch a horse at night in a strange place, then you will know what it is to unhitch four strange ones on a wet, dark night. After supper the bugle put the tired men to sleep under the little tents. Two men bunk in each. These tents are pitched in a few minutes, and with one poncho on the ground, the horse blankets spread on this, the other poncho closing the door of the little house, the Howitzers wrapped in army blankets slept soundly. When day broke, it was seen that the tents were in straight lines, according to Boyle's "The Blues," the Culpeper and Minute Men, West Augusta Guards and the Seventeenth Regiment special passed through Waverly as the Howitzers went into park for midday feed, on the hospitable grounds of Mr. Peeters Fleetwood.

GUILD ABSORBED; CEASES TO EXIST

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her ship and injuring many thereby who could not get insurance elsewhere, and jeopardizing the interests of the beneficiaries of such reinsurance, for the membership in a strong and reliable kindred institution, and protect the beneficiaries at the same time. The American Guild, of course, chose the latter course, and so long as it was decreed by some unseen power that the American Guild must cease to exist, must cease bringing into the State of Virginia a half million dollars a year; that it must cease its usefulness as a separate organization, we are glad that we were able to make arrangements with the Supreme Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, of Philadelphia, which is a strong and reliable fraternal beneficiary association of many years' standing, and which has a surplus of more than a quarter of a million dollars. Therefore, so far as the individual members and beneficiaries are concerned, their interests are completely and fully protected, and injury to any one is averted. This in its passing as during its existence, no one loses a copper in the discontinuance of the American Guild. To our regret, it is the cause of no little sorrow that the work of seventeen years has practically come to naught, by reason of uncalculated for persecution.

"Another regrettable aspect of the case is the severance of our very pleasant relations with our large office force, many of whom were in our employ for nearly this entire period. It grieves me that these faithful workers, without fault of theirs or ours, were dismissed on short notice without employment.

"It goes without saying that during its long career the American Guild distributed many thousands of dollars annually among the citizens of Richmond, and thus, from a purely business standpoint, the city is a loser, which, as a resident and business man, I naturally regret. It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will throw such safeguards around fraternal institutions as to make their injury or destruction without cause impossible.

According to the sworn statement of the officers of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, it has its general office in Philadelphia, and at the close of business December 31, 1906, the total income during the year was \$352,479.39. Adding to that the amount of its net

ledger assets, \$177,683.46, the grand total of income for that year was \$530,162.85. The total disbursements during that period amounted to \$317,806.86, leaving a balance of \$212,355.99. Adding to this non-ledger assets of \$51,602.96, the total assets are \$264,038.95, and deducting from this assets not admitted and non-ledger liabilities aggregating \$74,644.86, there is a balance of \$189,394.09 as of December 31, 1906, to protect policyholders.

P. H. Duckwitz, of Philadelphia, is president of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, and J. B. Myers, of this city, is secretary. The order began business in 1885, and is licensed to do business under the laws of the State of Virginia. At the beginning of the current year there were 720 certificates in force in Virginia and insurance amounting to \$942,250, or an average of about \$1,300 per beneficiary.

Richmond has one ruling, of which William L. Tyler, B. G. Garner and J. C. Basher are the principal officers.

Income of the Order.
Official reports on the Fraternal Mystic Circle for the years from 1901 to 1906, inclusive, show the following income, disbursements and death rate per thousand in the order for the year stated in the order given:

Year	Income	Disbursements	Death rate
1901	\$307,173	\$301,773	8.2
1902	\$311,107	\$311,648	11.9
1903	\$328,025	\$291,654	9.8
1904	\$327,267	\$287,552	10.2
1905	\$336,678	\$298,943	8.2

Insurance Account.
The insurance account for the years named, showing number of certificates, amount of insurance written during year, and amount in force in each year is thus given:

Year	Certificates	Amount written	Amount in force
1901	15,908	\$5,598,450	\$23,421,967
1902	13,501	2,202,750	29,112,209
1903	12,084	1,951,350	17,509,633
1904	13,812	2,232,600	18,319,606
1905	15,503	3,973,750	18,534,917

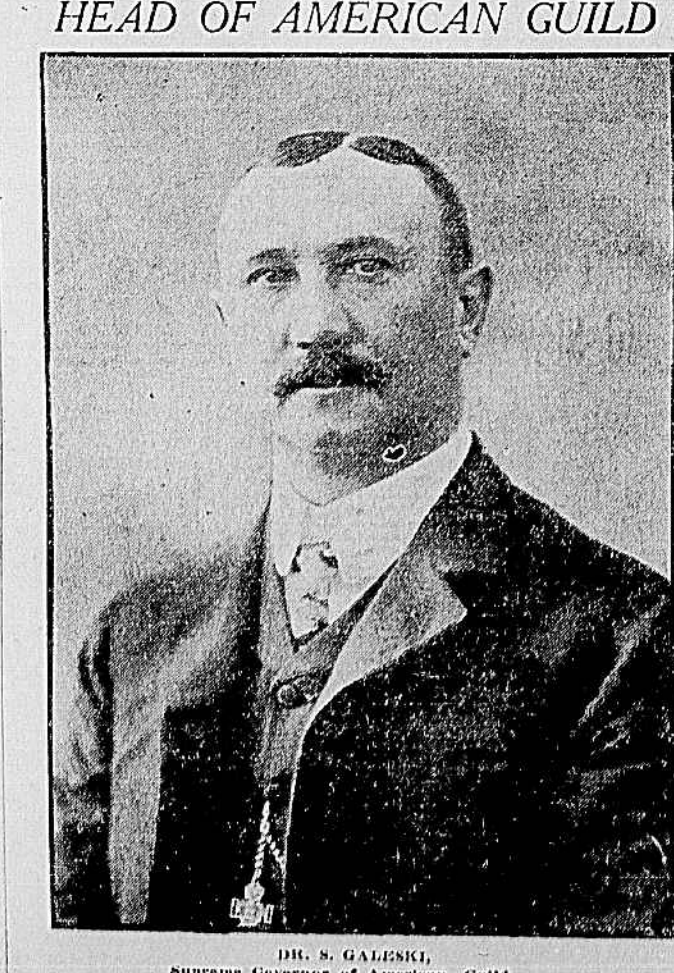
The number of members of the American Guild as reported December 31, 1906, was 25,804, since which time probably 5,000 additional have been taken in through amalgamation with the Modern Furians, making a total of something like 30,000. The amount of insurance written in that year was \$1,251,500, again excluding the amount written by the Furians, and the amount of insurance in force in the Guild was \$30,999,500. The death claims paid in 1906 by the Guild aggregated \$274,223.97, and the amount of death disability and old age claims paid during the year aggregated almost an even \$300,000.

Officers Retire.
The salaries paid by the Guild to its chief officers were: Supreme treasurer, \$6,000, and \$2,000 extra compensation; supreme secretary, \$4,200, and \$500 extra compensation; vice-supreme governor and supreme treasurer, each \$1,500 per annum. These officials will retire with the absorption of the Guild by the Mystic Circle, unless arrangements are subsequently made whereby some of the employees of the Guild or its officers secure employment with the succeeding corporation.

The Mystic Circle assumes all the obligations of the Guild, whether payable to beneficiaries or otherwise, and will take care of them. The organization is about doubled in membership and business by the amalgamation just perfected, and it is said that it is one of the strongest fraternal orders in the country.

In Good Standing.
The following special was received by The Times-Dispatch from Philadelphia last night: "The Fraternal Mystic Circle is an insurance order twenty years old, with a membership of 15,000. It has nineteen rulings in Philadelphia. The supreme ruling is located at No. 1912 Arch Street, this city, in a building owned by the order. The supreme ruler is J. H. Duckwitz, and the supreme recorder is J. D. Meyer. The order has good standing in fraternal insurance."

HEAD OF AMERICAN GUILD



DR. S. GALESKI, Supreme Governor of American Guild.

BUSY SESSION OF COMMON COUNCIL

Body Will Meet To-Night to Dispose of the Month's Business.

BOND ISSUES MAY COME UP

Proposition to Issue Nearly a Million Will Probably Be Reported.

The week in the City Hall will begin with an important meeting of the Common Council at 8 o'clock to-night. This is the postponed regular meeting, the attendance on June 3d being insufficient to take up any matters of importance, and again so on Tuesday night last, to which adjournment was had.

It is not positively known whether or not the Finance Committee, which is scheduled to meet just before the council convenes, will report any matter of great importance, but it is probable that a report will be made soon of an ordinance providing for a consolidated bond issue of something like a million dollars. The purposes of the proposed issue are to provide funds for an electric light and pumping plant; for the rehabilitation of the Gas Works and for the construction of the public High School and one or two other minor matters.

It is probable that the bonds for the two productive plants will be short-term bonds, with provision in the ordinance for their extinction and for the interest during their life to be paid out of the revenues derived from gas and water and saved on the expense of commercial lighting of the streets.

The Council will have up several salary-increase measures, including those of certain employees of the Health Department and possibly of other City Hall employees. Besides all this, the usual budget from the committees will provide sufficient grist to keep the Solons grinding far into the night.

Trip to Jamestown.

The Board of Aldermen will meet for a few moments on Tuesday night, but only to adjourn until the following Tuesday, in order to give Clerk August time to enroll the measures passed by the co-ordinate branch.

On Thursday night the Committee on Grounds and Buildings will make a trip to the Jamestown Exposition Grounds to inspect and receive the Richmond Building, which has just been completed.

The meeting of the Committee on Water on Friday night is the only other scheduled meeting, but others will probably be called during the week.

Dr. Waring Appointed.
Through competitive examination Dr. John Harvey Waring has been appointed to the staff of resident physicians at the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C. Dr. Waring, who is a grandson of the late Dr. John B. Harvey, of "Fighting Creek," Powhatan county, Va., was graduated from the George Washington University on June 5th, standing No. 2 in a class of sixty-two members. The Harner prize for the highest examination mark in genito-urinary surgery was also won by Dr. Waring.

Saloons Arrested.
B. W. Wittkamp, who keeps a saloon at No. 735 Brook Avenue, was arrested yesterday on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday. The arrest was made by Policemen Flournoy and Spur. Wittkamp was bailed for his appearance in court this morning.

FOUGHT AT BETHEL 46 YEARS AGO

Anniversary of Sharp Contest That Marked Opening of the Civil War.

STORY TOLD BY PARTICIPANT

Tarheels Cannot Claim All the Glory—What the Federals Lost.

Forty-six years ago to-day occurred the battle of Bethel, that marked the opening of the Civil War. Many men now living remember the day and look back upon it as an event of but yesterday. Mr. C. A. Richardson, a veteran, of this city, who was a participant in that wonderful little fight, was called upon yesterday by a Times-Dispatch man and asked to furnish an anniversary story of the first fight on Virginia soil that started the mighty conflict in actual motion.

Description of Fight.
Mr. Richardson had not entirely recovered from the fatigue of the great reunion, but when Bethel was mentioned he brightened up, and after a bit his mind got into a reminiscent strain, and he wrote the following interesting article:

"In the kindest spirit possible, fully intending to be fair and correct, relying on memory alone, the writer desires to state a few pertinent facts which he thinks can be duly substantiated.

"The battle of Bethel was fought by a mixed force of Confederates on the one side, numbering between 1,300 and 1,400 men of all arms; the opposing Federal force under General Pierce numbered near 5,000 men, well equipped, and composed of the same arms of the service as were the Confederates.

"The Confederate force was under the command of Colonel John B. Magruder. It consisted of a North Carolina infantry regiment, about 800 men; three companies of the Third Regiment, Virginia Infantry, Lieutenant-Colonel William H. Stuart; two companies of a Virginia cavalry regiment, commanded respectively by Captains R. C. Douthett and John Lamb; and composed of the same arms of the service as were the Confederates.

Work of Virginians.
The Virginians in this fight numbered fully 650 men, thus making a composite force all told of near 1,400 men.

"I think it is only fair to state that Virginia, in this game little fight, furnished the artillery, cavalry and a third of the infantry, as compared with a splendid regiment of fighters from the 'Old North State,' and to whom we had not then applied the famous and honorable epithet of 'Tarheels.' Every Virginian knows that at and after Bethel the gallant 'Tarheels' were greatly in evidence on every battlefield from Bethel to Appomattox. But for all this, we do not think our dear old comrades should claim all the honors in sight 'from Bethel to Appomattox,' or 'from the Rappahannock to Gettysburg.' In this little anniversary notice of Bethel, if we are correct in our premises, we surely would like to share in the honors of Bethel that came to us jointly in the opening battle of a glorious war, now all the dearer to us as the years go by.

Gave Them Good Thrashing.

"Some years ago, in a New York hotel, the writer met a gentleman, who stated he was with the Federals in the Bethel fight. He related a number of interesting details. He also admitted that the casualties on his side amounted to a loss of 100 in killed, wounded and missing. He was much surprised when I told him our loss was only about a dozen wounded and one killed. In reply to a question, he also stated that a scout came in during the fight and reported the Confederates were receiving large reinforcements. This had the effect of ending the battle with a hasty retreat, leaving all the honors of the year with the Confederates. It was the first battle of the war of 1861-65.

"We all know what a good thrashing we gave the Federals at Bethel that June morning forty-six years ago. It was handsomely done by North Carolinians and Virginians. We are proud to claim a part of this high honor for the living and our posterity."

HONOR UNKNOWN DEAD.

Philadelphia Daughters of Confederacy Care for Those in National Cemetery.

Among the memorials which are placed each year to the memory of those who fell in the war of 1861-65 are a few which fill the heart with deeper sadness than the stones marked "To the Unknown Dead." Such a one has been placed by the Philadelphia Daughters of the Confederacy in the National Cemetery to the memory of 224 unknown dead who died in hospitals and prisons during the war.

Each year the daughters living in Philadelphia have sent a wreath to be placed on this stone. This year Philadelphia Chapter had their president, Mrs. Edgar Marbury, and Mrs. Louis Lewis, the vice-president, personally do the service, assisted by other members of the chapter. This chapter devotes a stated sum for this purpose, besides sending \$100 each year to honor the dead of each, sleeping in peace side by side.

Philadelphia Chapter through the production of "Jana," staged and rendered as a contribution to "the cause" by a Virginian, Mr. Edward S. Grant, cleared nearly \$1,000, which will enable them to extend their work along old and new lines during the coming year.

CELEBRATION OF LANDING AT CITY

Exercises to Be Held This Afternoon at Gamble's Hill Park.

BOULDERS TAKEN FROM RIVER

Presentation to Be Made by Judge Richards—Mayor to Accept Monument.

The three hundredth anniversary of the landing of white people where the city of Richmond now stands, will be celebrated this afternoon. Just after the successful planting of a colony on Jamestown Island, a party of adventurous and daring souls sailed on up the broad river, making the rough charts which have been the foundation of the geography of Virginia. Among the hardy adventurers in that party were Christopher Newport, Captain John Smith, Gabriel Archer and George Percy, names ever illustrious in the foundation of the American Commonwealth. According to the narrative of Captain John Smith, the party reached the "Falls of the James" on June 10, 1607. Here the party disembarked, according to Captain Smith, and on the north shore set up a cross to mark the "farthest west" of the English expedition. Smith tells with great detail of the meeting with the Indian chief Powhatan, whose summer camp was pitched above the falls of the river.

Boulders Erected.
In Gamble's Hill Park, overlooking the river and its falls, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities has erected a great pile of boulders taken from the bed of the river opposite.

The pile is surmounted by a bronze cross, which will be unveiled at 5 P. M. to-day with simple and appropriate ceremony.

The exercises will be under the auspices of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and a number of prominent people have been invited to be present. The following program has been arranged:

Music, children's chorus, from public schools; hymn, "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"; prayer, Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., presiding elder of the Methodist Church; presentation address, Judge B. C. Richardson, who will be introduced by Hon. J. Taylor Eliason; music, "God Bless Our Native Land"; acceptance of the monument, Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of Richmond; music, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"; benediction, Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

CHURCH GOERS RUSH TO FIRE

Blaze in West Grace Street Residence Causes Much Excitement.

Great excitement was caused between 8 and 9 o'clock last night, when a fire was discovered on the second floor of the residence of Mrs. Ellen S. Morton, No. 507 West Grace Street. The blaze was in Mrs. Morton's bedroom, and when discovered everything in the room was smoldering. The door was shut immediately to keep out the air and try to stifle the flames, and Mrs. Morton's

husband, Mr. J. Taylor Eliason, who lives near the corner of Smith and Marshall Streets, took a Laurel Street car at Eighth and Broad Streets. The car did not stop for the fire, but he got out and tried to get the fire out. He was badly cut about the head and had to be attended by the ambulance surgeons and taken home. His injuries were not serious.

Railroad Journey Abroad.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., June 9.—Dr. Dred Peacock, of High Point, who is one of the most interesting speakers in the State, addressed a large gathering of railroad men at the Spencer Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. His subject was "A European Railroad Journey," the discourse being one of thrilling interest, the incidents being taken from actual experience of Dr. Peacock in his travels abroad.

Dr. Peacock illustrated his point with historical descriptions of various periods of the world, in which all the advantages of culture and art had been brought together without character and yet, without the keystone of the arch, the structure could not endure. Thus again, "the stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner."

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The exercises of commencement week will continue to-day with the celebration of "class day." Orations and class histories will be made by the graduates of 1907, and general farewells will be said between those who have been classmates for the past four years.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES HEAR ANNUAL SERMON

Exercises This Year More Formal Than Has Been Case Heretofore.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Orations and Class Histories to Be Heard To-Day—Reunion of Alumni.

Commencement week at Richmond College began yesterday, with the annual sermon before the graduating class. The exercises will continue through Wednesday evening, when the degrees and diplomas will be delivered to the graduates.

The speaker last night was Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., pastor of the Free-mason Street Baptist Church, of Norfolk. The exercises partook of a more formal nature than has heretofore been the case at Richmond College, the graduating class appearing in caps and gowns, and marching to the chapel in a procession, in company with the trustees and the faculty.

Chapel Filled With People.
The trustees of the college met in the president's office shortly before the hour of service, and moved to seats on the platform. The full faculty of the institution occupied seats to one side of the rostrum, and the graduating class, in their college caps, occupied those on the opposite side.

A large audience of people from the community and from all parts of the city was present, several of the leading Baptist churches having omitted their evening services on account of the commencement exercises.

The college chapel, seating several hundred, was filled some time before the beginning of the service, and the members of the student body and the graduates and classes sat on the stairs and stood about the doorways.

Dr. E. W. Boatwright, president of Richmond College, presided. Rev. W. R. L. Smith, Rev. Dr. Robt. Knight, Rev. Dr. James Nelson and Rev. Dr. H. Pitt being among the ministers taking part.

The quartet choir of the Second Baptist Church was in charge of the music, which was finely rendered, the hymns being familiar ones, in which the audience joined. A soprano solo, an address was also much enjoyed by the audience.

Address by Dr. Vines.
President Boatwright introduced the speaker of the evening, after a preliminary devotional service. Dr. Vines is well known to Richmond audiences, having spoken here a number of times recently. An address by him during the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention attracted particular attention.

Dr. Vines spoke on character building, and his address was delivered in a clear and forcible manner, and was marked by a number of happy allusions and quotations. He emphasized the point that the supreme task of education was to make character. "Character is the one thing for which you should strive," he said. "If you have no character, you have nothing, and if you have character, you have everything."

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NINE CUTTING SCRAPES.

Charles McAdoo (colored) and Another Stabbed in Back—Scrapes on Saturday Night.

Charles McAdoo (colored) was stabbed in the back and cut about the arms and body in a row with another negro in Fulton Saturday night. The assailant is said to be a negro known as Steamshovel, who has not yet been captured. McAdoo was treated by Dr. Strode, of the ambulance corps, and taken to the City Hospital.

Joe Filippin, of No. 1403 Brown Street, was stabbed in the back with a knife Saturday night, and it required all the strength of the ambulance surgeon to withdraw the knife. Filippin was also taken to the city hospital.

Henry Richards fell on the street Saturday night and fractured his left leg. He was taken to the city hospital.

The ambulance had twenty calls Saturday night, and nine of them were cutting scrapes.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Stohrbrucher have left for a week's visit to Jamestown, where they will join the party of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hylcherson, of Dossdale, Toronto, Can.

BOULDERS ERECTED ON GAMBLE'S HILL PARK.